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CHARACTERS.

MRS. BEACH.....	<i>Landlady of the Royal Links Hotel, Bunker-on-Sea</i>
LARRY O'REILLY.....	<i>The head waiter. A drop of Old Irish</i>
NORAH	<i>His daughter</i>
DR. FRED VINCENT.....	<i>Her lover</i>
MISS ELIZA P. TOSH.....	<i>From U. S. A.</i>
CAPTAIN SPARKER.....	<i>A motor fiend</i>
HON. GOUGH-GREEN.....	<i>A golfing crank</i>
MISS PENELOPE PANKIE.....	<i>In search of a husband</i>

TIME.—*The present.*

LOCALITY.—*Bunker-on-Sea.*

TIME OF PLAYING.—*About forty-five minutes.*

COSTUMES AND CHARACTERISTICS

LARRY. Age about 40. A head-waiter of a seaside hotel, is a typical rollicking son of Erin, quick at a retort, ever ready with his wit, and quick in action. He wears an evening dress-suit, somewhat the worse for wear, with a white shirt also somewhat mussed, but nevertheless there is an air of neatness and smartness about him which shows he desires to appear well.

MRS. BEACH. Age about 35. The bustling landlady must be costumed neatly but smartly and must appear to be much above the landlady of an ordinary seaside hotel.

NORAH. Age about 18. Sweet and pretty; she is gowned in any available seaside costume.

DR. VINCENT. Age 26. Wears an outing suit appropriate to the part.

CAPT. SPARKER. A "Motor Maniac," wears a heavy motor coat and goggles, somewhat exaggerated. Is very breezy.

HON. GOUGH-GREEN. A "Golf Fiend," wears Norfolk jacket, knickerbockers and woolen stockings, all of a pronounced pattern, and heavy shoes. In manner very excited.

ELIZA TOSH. Suitable costume, as may be available.

PENELOPE PANKIE. Suitable costume, as may be available. Armed with a golf club, as she continuously races after GOUGH-GREEN.

NOTE. The costumes are suggestions only and may be varied to suit requirements.

INCIDENTAL PROPERTIES

Hotel register, bell, magazines, etc., on table. Coin, golf sticks and golf ball for GOUGH-GREEN. Golf stick for Miss PANKIE. Suit-case and handkerchief for NORAH. Coin for ELIZA TOSH and CAPT. SPARKER. Broken glass off stage.

STAGE DIRECTIONS.

As seen by a performer on the stage facing the audience, R., means right hand; L., left hand.

LARRY

SCENE:—*Public room of the Royal Links Hotel. Doors R. and L. Table L. Chairs, etc. DISCOVERED MRS. BEACH consulting visitors' book on table L.*

MRS. BEACH. Well, well, we never had such a busy season! I scarcely know whether I'm on my head or my heels. If it wasn't for Larry I don't know what I'd do; he's a treasure. He manages the whole hotel—myself included. Ah, here he comes.

ENTER LARRY R.

LARRY. Misthress, charge up three soda-wathers to No. 17—the cranky ould gintleman wid the red nose. It's mesilf suspects he's been turnin' up his little finger too often last noight. Shure, there's nothin' like a sup o' the crathur, but ye've always got to pay for it the next mornin', bedad.

MRS. BEACH. Three sodas—I won't forget. Larry, if any more visitors come by the next train, remember, we've only two more rooms to let.

LARRY (*rubbing his hands*). Troth, an' that's good business. Well, now, misthress, I know ye're busy; away wid ye and I'll shtop here in charge.

MRS. BEACH. All right, Larry, I will. [EXIT MRS. BEACH R.]

LARRY. Och, but she's the foine woman, Misthress Beach! A stiddy, sinsible, level-headed crathur; and, sure, this hotel's a fair gold-moine! If 'twas mesilf, now, was landlord av it, instead av head waiter, me bread would be baked for loife! Well, I belave she has the soft side for me; an' "Ye never know yer luck," as me ould dad used to say. An', sure, here's the first wan off the train!

ENTER NORAH, R.

NORAH (*staring at LARRY in surprise*). Father!

LARRY. Thundher an' turf, if it's not Norah! (*Kisses her*) But what are ye doin' here, acushla?

NORAH. I've come down for a few days by the sea. But I thought you were still in Dublin.

LARRY. No. I'm head waiter here for the summer season. I never found toime to write to tell yez, darlint. But, murther aloive, Norah, this'll niver do at all, at all! If ye're goin' to shtop here, ye'll have to kape it dark that I'm your father.

NORAH. What! Not acknowledge my dear old dad?

LARRY. Och, well, ye see, Norah, if the misthress knew I had a foine, swell daughter loike you, she'd be afther rejucin' me wages! That'd be a moighty poor return for me havin' sent ye to a grand school and makin' a taicher av ye in London, sure! Be jabers, I belave I'd be gettin' the sack, roight off!

NORAH (*reluctantly*). Very well, father.

LARRY (*aside*). Yes, by the powers, if Misthress Beach suspected she was to be mother of a foine, handsome colleen loike Norah here, it moight spoil me chances. (*Aloud*) No, me jewel, just hould yer whist, and we're all right! Shure, now, ye're just in toime to get wan av the last two rooms, so I'll put ye down for No. 26 before it's snapped up. "A bird in the hand's worth all the eggs in th' basket," as me ould dad used to say. Well, Norah, machree, an' how's yer swateheart kapin'?

NORAH (*downcast*). I don't know. We've quarrelled, and it's broken off!

LARRY. Ye've quarrelled? That's a pity, now; but, faith, it's aisy made up again. (*NORAH shakes her head*) What's his name, Norah? Ye never tould me whin ye wrote.

NORAH. Dr. Fred Vincent.

LARRY. Dr. Fred Vincent! (*Aside*) Thundher an' turf, if that's not the young docthor in No. 25! An' it's meself has been wondherin' what he was in the blues about. Sure, now, that bates cock-foightin'! But I'll never let on that he's shtoppin' here. (*Aloud*) Well, Norah, darlint, I'll attind to yer luggage. Run away wid ye, an' take a walk round the garden beyant—(*Pointing to L.*) before dinner's sarved, an' get up an appetote! Off wid ye!

NORAH. Very well, father, I will. [EXIT NORAH, L.

LARRY. Well, that fairly bangs Banagher! Norah and her swateheart's fell out—both of thim's here—an' nayther wan or the other knows it! But, be jabers, I'll set the thing to rights,

or my name's not Larry O'Reilly! An', sure, here's the other young fool comin'!

ENTER DR. FRED VINCENT, R., *very dejected*.

LARRY. Well, docthor, an' how's all wid ye to-day?

FRED. Just so-so, Larry. I'm not feeling up to the mark at all!

LARRY. Och, now, an' that's a pity; but ye must thry and kape up your spirits, man! "It's a poor heart that never rejoices," as me ould dad used to say. And, by the way, docthor, there's a foine young leddy just arrived that's feelin' a bit out av sorts herself. She's out in the garden yonder. Sure, now, ye moight have a look at her, and give me yer professional opinion. Troth, it's not every day we have a resident medical officer on the premises. Ha! ha!

FRED. Very well, Larry. (*Sighs*) Anything to kill time. I'll make a diagnosis. In the garden?

LARRY. Yes, docthor, out that way. (*Pushing him off L.*) Have a good look at her, sorr! Ta, ta! (*Aside*) An' good luck to yez both!

ENTER ELIZA P. TOSH, R.

TOSH (*strong nasal accent*). Say, waiter! Kin I have a room in this ho-tel?

LARRY. To be sure, mum, an' welkim! We're tarrible busy, but ye'll get the last av the bunch—Number Twenty-noine—and, by the powers, it's a good wan! Lovely say-view, if ye just pop yer head out av the windy and look round the corner. An' afther all, only tin shillin's a noight for bed an' breakfast!

TOSH. Two dollars 'n a half! That's vurry dear for a one-horse ho-tel like this!

LARRY. Wan horse! Hare an' Houns, mum, it's yersilf that's mistaken there; let me tell ye we've half a score av horses! (*Aside*) For dhryin' the clothes on. (*Aloud*) Howaniver, mum, this is the only hotel in the place; and, bedad, if ye're not plazed—

TOSH. Oh, vurry well! Guess I'll stay. You'll send to the depôt for my baggage, right now?

LARRY. Didn't ye bring it wid ye, mum?

TOSH. Sakes alive, I guess not! I've got six suit-cases, three innovations, and two grip-sacks!

LARRY. Arrah, now, d'ye tell me that? Ye'll be goin' to shtop here for a month, mum?

TOSH. I should smile! I've only got twenty-four hours to spend in this little township! I'm doing the grand toor of Yururp, and I've seen Paris, London, and Edinburgh in the last four days!

LARRY. Piper o' Moses! It's travellin' in wan o' thim new-fangled airyplanes ye've been, mum! Ye don't belong to the ould counthry, I'm thinkin'?

TOSH. Land-sakes, no! Thank goodness, I don't belong to this effete old island! I'm an Amurrican, born and bred, a citizen of the greatest Ree-public in the Uni-vurrsse! Why, in our country we could lose Ireland—where you come from—a dozen times over, and only find it by the smell of the whisky!

LARRY. Troth, now, I believe I've heard that same before! An' there's a few av your countrymen moighty keen in the scint—where whisky's in the question! Will ye be plazed to wroite yer name down in the visitors' book, mum? (TOSH writes) Och, yes, it's the wondherful counthry, Americky! There's a powerful lot av folks we've no use for here goes out there an' makes big fortunes, bedad!

TOSH. Well, guess I'll go to my room, right now! Where can I find an elevator?

LARRY. A—A—beg pardon, mum?

TOSH. An elevator.

LARRY. Och, yes, av coorse, it's the bar ye'll be after! But I wouldn't advise ye, mum, before dinner's sarved! I never taste mesilf betwane meals.

TOSH. No, no; I mean the lift!

LARRY. Oh, I see, I see! Arrah, now, all the lift we have here, mum, is just Shanks' pony. You understand me, mum, we go upstairs on our feet!

TOSH. H'mph! That's the worst of this worn-out old kingdom. In Amurrica, my country— (Goes R.)

LARRY (reading visitors' book). "Eliza P. Tosh, Pawtucket, U. S. A." Thundher an' turf! I say, mum, how's the ould man?

TOSH. What?

LARRY. How's yer father kapin'? For, by the same token, you must be wan o' thim Toshes that wint out to Pawtucket in eighty-noine! It's mesilf that knew yer ould dad better than his own mother—cross-eyed Micky Tosh, the Ballyshan bill-sticker!

TOSH (confused). Oh, land-sakes! Here, I say, waiter—I—there's some one coming. Jest keep your mouth shut on that bit o' history, and here's half a crown for you!

LARRY (*pocketing tip*). Right ye are, mum. I'll be deaf an' dumb as the Sphinx of Agypt! Don't be forgettin' yer number, now—Twinty-noine! [EXIT TOSH, R.]

ENTER DR. FRED, L.

FRED. Waiter, I don't see any young lady in the garden.

LARRY. Don't ye, now, docthor dear? Sure, I'll come wid ye, an' we'll soon foind her. [EXIT, L., with FRED.]

ENTER CAPTAIN SPARKER, R.

SPARKER. Waitah! Waitah! Bay Jove, no one heah! (*Rings bell on table*)

ENTER MRS. BEACH, R.

SPARKER. Ah, how-de-dah? I want to put up heah. Just come down in my mowtah—fifty miles an howah! Bay Jove, ya-as! Killed three hens and frightened two constables to death—haw-haw! My mowtah's a forty horse-power Daimlah. She's a rippah, bay Jove, ya-as! I say, can I put up heah?

MRS. BEACH. Oh, yes, sir. I can let you have a very nice room—Number Twenty-nine. This way, sir, upstairs and to your right. (*Going R.*)

SPARKER. Very good! I'll tell my chauffah to carry up my luggage. You should see my mowtah—she's a rippah! By Jove, ya-as! [EXIT, R.]

ENTER NORAH, L.

NORAH (*agitated*). Well, I never! If that isn't Fred out there in the garden! Fred, of all people! How did he know I was here? He must have followed me—the wretch! How dare he come here at all? But I will never forgive him for flirting with that other girl.

ENTER LARRY, L.

LARRY. Bedad, an' ye're here, are ye, Norah?

NORAH. Yes, I'm here! Father, do you know who that was with you in the garden? Dr. Vincent.

LARRY. Dr. Vincent it was, me jewel! Saints aloive, ye don't mane to tell me he's your Docthor Vincent—your swate-heart? Arrah, now, how was I to know that? He's been

stoppin' here for the last wake, in Number Twenty-foive. Poor young fella, I'm tarrible sorry for him; for it's moighty bad he is, I'm thinkin'!

NORAH (*anxiously*). You don't mean to say he's ill, father?

LARRY (*shaking head*). Och, yes, the poor young gintleman's dyin' on his feet. He moight go off any day!

NORAH (*suspiciously*). Nonsense! He's as strong as a horse. And if he is ill he deserves to be! (*Disappointedly*) He didn't follow me here, after all. But now, perhaps, he will think I have followed him. He mustn't see me. I shall leave Bunker-on-Sea at once.

LARRY. Sure, now, Norah, don't bother yer pretty head about him. It 'ud be a pity to have yer holiday spoiled for a de-saivin', worthless young rapscaillon like him.

NORAH (*indignantly*). He's not! Fred's not a—a—what you said! But you are right; I shan't allow him to drive me away. I'll simply freeze him if he attempts to speak to me! (*Sits at table, taking up magazine*)

ENTER the HON. GOUGH-GREEN, *golf clubs slung on back, club in hand, followed by* PENELOPE PANKIE.

PANKIE. I say, dear Mr. Gough-Green—

GOUGH-GREEN. Run away, and don't bother me!

PANKIE. But, dear Mr. Gough-Green, I want to tell you—

GOUGH-GREEN (*irascibly*). And I don't want to hear you! Say, waiter, I've made a record this morning—went round the course in seventy-five! It's a fact—absolutely!

LARRY. Did ye, now? Man alive, I wouldn't have belaved it was in ye!

PANKIE. But, dear Mr. Gough-Green—

GOUGH-GREEN (*waving her aside*). I tell you it's the case—absolutely! Did the fifth hole in three, the seventh in five, though I was bunkered twice, and that fearful ninth hole—

PANKIE. The ninth hole! Oh, dear Mr. Gough-Green—

GOUGH-GREEN. Don't interrupt me, madam! Waiter, the ninth hole in four—absolutely!

LARRY (*aside, crossing R.*). It's a wondherful liar ye are—absolutely. [EXIT, R.]

GOUGH-GREEN. Had a fearful bad stymie at the eighteenth—fearful, absolutely! (*Puts ball on floor*) My ball was here, the other ball there, but I played—so! (*Drives ball through door, R. Crash, off*)

PANKIE (*screams*). Oh! Dear Mr. Gough-Green!

GOUGH-GREEN (*gasps*). I've done it now—absolutely!

ENTER LARRY, R.

LARRY (*sternly*). Sure, an' ye have done it, right through! I've told you before not to play golf in this room! It's a Gough-Green ye may be yersilf, but this isn't wan! And now, bedad, if ye haven't gone an' smashed a valliable ornamin't av Venaitian glass—all the way from Venaishy. Thundher an' turf, what will Misthress Beach say?

GOUGH-GREEN. Say, waiter, I'm sorry—absolutely! Here's five shillings for yourself to keep dark about it. An accident—absolutely! I'll go and practise putting on the lawn!

[EXIT, L., *putting imaginary balls with club*.]

PANKIE (*following him*). Do you know, dear Mr. Gough-Green—

[EXIT L.]

LARRY (*looking after them*). Arrah, now, chase him up, me woman; ye'll maybe catch him yet! (*Looking at tip*) Five shillin's! Well, sure, "It's not lost what a friend gets," as me ould dad used to say! An', bedad, it was just an ould lamp-globe I dropped at the right moment—absolutely!

Noise, R. ENTER CAPT. SPARKER and MISS TOSH, *arguing volubly*.

TOSH. I say you're an impurrtinent fellow—an impurrtinent fellow, and I reckon you'd better skiddoo out of this hotel, right naow!

SPARKER. I say, you are coming it strong—rathaw! My name is Captain Sparker, and I came down heah in my mow-tah!

TOSH. I reckon it don't matter to me if you're Teddy Roosevelt, or if you arrived here in Halley's Comet! Number Twenty-nine was let to me by the boss waiter, and you've got no call to dump your traps in my apartment.

SPARKER. But, my deah lady, that room was let to me. 'Pon my honah!

LARRY. Whist ye now, whist! What's all this botheration about?

TOSH. Waiter, I hired Number Twenty-nine from you, and this man had the impurrtinence to come right into my room when I was doing up my back hair.

LARRY (*to SPARKER*). Murther alive, man, ye moight be

thinkin' shame av yersilf! I'm surprised at ye! Have ye no sense of modesty at all, at all?

SPARKER. But, look heah, waitah, when I arrived in my mowtah, the landlady let the room to me. Bay Jove, ya-as!

LARRY. Well, sure, here's the misthress hersilf!

ENTER MRS. BEACH, R.

SPARKER. Aw, I say, my good lady, didn't ye let me Number Twenty-nine?

MRS. BEACH. I did, sir, not ten minutes since.

LARRY. Thin, faith, misthress, ye were foive minutes too late; for it's mesilf had already given to Miss Tosh here, the daughter av—(*Catches TOSH's eye*)—och, yes—this leddy from the United States av Americky!

MRS. BEACH. Oh, dear, dear, whatever's to be done?

LARRY. You leave that to me, misthress. I'll make it square wid the Captain here.

MRS. BEACH (*relieved*). That's all right, then. Miss, come away! Ah, Larry is a treasure!

[EXIT TOSH and MRS. BEACH, R.]

SPARKER. But, look heah, waitah—

LARRY. Arrah, now, be aisy, Ginerah, be aisy! That room's let; but it's mesilf can provide ye wid the very pick o' beds—in the bathroom. Plinty av fresh air, an' mortal convanient if ye should feel dhry through the noight. Ye've only to put up yer hand and screw on the tap, as nate as ye loike! Or, be-dad, ye can slape on the billiard-table at noinepince an hour.

SPARKER. Really! You are very accommodating, waitah! Think I'd rathaw move on furthah in my mowtah. By the way, have you seen my mowtah? She's a rippah!

LARRY. D'ye tell me that, now? Maybe she is; but, faith, I'd rather have a gig an' a wee pony, sorr!

SPARKER (*sees NORA*). Bay Jove, I say, waitah, what a pretty girl! She's a clippah! Is she stopping heah?

LARRY. Troth, an' she is.

SPARKER. Then I won't go! You can put me down for the bathroom—rathaw! (*Twirls moustache and crosses to NORA*) Morning, Miss. Beautiful weathaw for the time of yeah. Bay Jove, ya-as!

NORA (*coldly*). Do you think so?

SPARKER. I say, would you care for a run in my mowtah? She's a rippah!

NORA. Thanks, I won't trouble you!

SPARKER. Oh, no trouble, I assure you! I'll go and tell my chauffah. (*Going off, R.*) I say, chauffah! [EXIT R.]

LARRY. Bedad, it's toime the young docthor was looking afther his swateheart!

NORAH (*rises*). The bounder! I'm off! [EXIT, *hurriedly, L.*]

LARRY. Sowld again, Goggles, me bhoy, or me name's not Larry.

SPARKER (*returns*). Now, Miss, my mowtah—— Bay Jove, she's not heah! I say, waitah, where has the young lady gone?

LARRY. The young leddy, sorr? D'ye mane the wan ye were thyrin' to put the blarney on?

SPARKER. Ya-as; where is she? I want to take her for a run in my mowtah!

LARRY. I see, sorr, I see! Ye want to do the agreeable, now, sorr? Well, you just leave that to me, General; I'll make it all right—for a consideration, sorr!

SPARKER. Aw, I understand, bay Jove, ya-as! Well, here's half a sov. for you. You'll find her and tell her?

LARRY. Depind upon me, General; I'll tell her, sure enough. (*Biting half sovereign and pocketing it*) But man aloive, here she is, in the very nick av toime!

ENTER Miss TOSH, R.

LARRY. Miss Tosh, mum, the General here is tarrible sorry he huffed ye; an' to make up for it, he's goin' to take ye for a run in his motor—the foinest car that iver——

SPARKER (*pulling LARRY'S sleeve*). No, no, you old idiot, I don't mean her!

LARRY. Howld yer whisht, Major, howld yer whisht! I'll see ye through! Sure, Miss, the Colonel's terrible shy, so he's axed me to spake up for him! (*SPARKER squirms*) An' he'd be as plazed as Punch——

TOSH. If I'd go for a ride in his auto-mobile? Surrtainly! I accept with pleasure! (*Crossing to SPARKER, holding out hand*) You're a bit of real stuff, after all! Shake!

SPARKER (*confused, shaking hands limply*). But, look heah, I didn't mean——

TOSH. Oh, never mind apologies, Captain. I guess life's too short. Come along. You may take my arm! We've auto-mobiles in my country——

[EXIT TOSH, *talking*, SPARKER *shaking fist at LARRY*]

LARRY (*chuckling*). Arrah, now, Lieutenant, off ye go in your forty horse-power hen-killer. But ye'll not spoil the docthor's chances wid Norah.

ENTER NORAH, L.

NORAH. Upon my word, I don't know where to go. Fred in the garden, and that dreadful motor man here. Ah, he's gone! Father, I came down here for peace and quiet, but if I have to endure this sort of thing I won't stay another hour.

LARRY. Aisy now, Norah, darlint. Him wid the goggles 'll not throuble ye for a while, anyhow! (NORAH *sits at table with magazine*) Thundher an' turf, here's that lunatic golfer comin' back. I'll away an' swape up the broken lamp-globe before he gets his eye on it! [EXIT, R.

ENTER HON. GOUGH-GREEN, *hurriedly*, L.

GOUGH-GREEN. Confound that Pankie woman! She tracks me like a sleuth-hound! I'm safe nowhere, nowhere—absolutely! (*Sees NORAH*) I say, who's this? She's a daisy—absolutely! (*Crosses to NORAH*) Ahem! (*Coughs*) Ahem! (*Louder. NORAH looks up*) You play golf, of course, Miss? Won't you come and play a round with me?

NORAH (*coldly*). I never play golf—with strangers!

GOUGH-GREEN. Ah, that's too bad, too bad—absolutely! Well, won't you come and watch me play? I'm a record-breaker—absolutely! Did the course in—dash it, here's Pankie again! I'm off—absolutely! [EXIT, *hastily*, R.

ENTER MISS PANKIE, *running*, L.

PANKIE. Dear Mr. Gough-Green! Where is he? I'm sure I saw him here!

ENTER LARRY, R.

PANKIE. Waiter, have you seen dear Mr. Gough-Green?

LARRY. Sure, now, an' I did see him.

PANKIE. Then where is he? I want him particularly. Waiter, I'll give you half a crown to tell me!

LARRY. Troth, Miss, an' it's yersilf desarves to nab him for nothing; but, bedad, I'll be afther takin' the half-crown! Out this way, Miss; it's off to the links he is. [EXIT *both*, R.

NORAH. Oh, these apologies for men! There's none of them like my Fred, after all!

ENTER DR. FRED, *disconsolately*, L.

FRED. Wonder who she was? I saw a girl slipping through the bushes awfully like my Norah. But it couldn't be. (*Sighs*) Oh, Norah, Norah, I'd give the world to see you again!

NORAH (*sighs*). Poor fellow!

FRED (*turns*). What! Norah?

NORAH (*rises*). Fred! (*Sits again*) No, don't come near me! I hate you! (*Handkerchief to eyes*) You're a cruel, heartless flirt!

FRED. Norah, darling, don't say that! If you'd only let me explain. The girl you saw me with was my cousin, and she's married.

NORAH. Married! Then it doesn't matter! Oh, Fred, can you forgive me?

FRED. My angel. (*They embrace*)

NORAH. Fred, don't! Some one will see us! Follow me to the garden.

FRED. To the end of the world, my cherub!

[EXEUNT, *lovingly*, L.]

ENTER MRS. BEACH, R.

MRS. BEACH. Larry! Larry! Dear, dear, there's never five minutes in the day but I'm needing his advice!

ENTER LARRY, R.

LARRY. Did I hear yer swate voice cryin' on me, misthress?

MRS. BEACH. Yes, Larry. I'm in another pickle! The old dowager in Number Nineteen wants champagne and oysters for lunch—says she can't exist another day without them—and there's not such a thing to be got in Bunker-on-Sea.

LARRY. Well, misthress, just you take her up ginger beer and mussels, an' tell her they're just as good, an' bedad, a mighty dale chaper!

MRS. BEACH (*warmly*). Larry, you're a perfect wonder! I don't know what I'd do without you!

LARRY (*aside*). Troth, an' that's a foine opening for me! Bedad, I'll just "Take the bull by the horns," as me ould dad used to say—an' pop the question right off! (*Aloud*) Misthress, there's divil a bit av necessity for ye to do widout me at all! I'm yours for loife, if ye loike! Sure, I know ye're as good as ye're beautiful. It's mesilf that worships the very ground ye trid on; an' if ye'll only say the word I'll make ye Misthress Larry O'Reilly before the month's out!

MRS. BEACH (*coily*). Oh, Larry, this is too sudden! But if you really love me——

LARRY. I do that, sure, wid a heart an' a half! Come, darlint, give me a kiss, an' we'll call the thing settled. (*They embrace*)

ENTER DR. FRED *and* NORAH, L., *arm-in-arm*.

NORAH (*surprised*). Father!

MRS. BEACH *and* FRED. Father?

LARRY. Faith, "It's a wise choild that knows it's own father,"—as me ould dad used to say! Well, sure, the cat's out av the bag now! (*To* MRS. BEACH) Yes, me jewel, Norah is me own daughter, and I'm sure she's wan to be proud av! Norah, machree, let me present ye to Misthress O'Reilly the second. An', by the same token, I see you and the young docthor have made it up betwane ye, too. I'm quite agreeable, so, bedad, we're all happy! Bless ye, me childhren, bless ye!

ENTER HON. GOUGH-GREEN, *hurriedly*, R., *pursued by* MISS PANKIE, *and off*, L.

PANKIE. Dear Mr. Gough-Green—— [EXEUNT, L.

LARRY. Tin to wan on Pankie for the Matrimonial Stakes! But what's this next? (*Noise off* L.)

ENTER CAPT. SPARKER, *supporting* MISS TOSH, *both muddy and dishevelled*.

SPARKER *and* TOSH (*groaning*). Oh, oh, oh!

LARRY. Saints presarve us! What's wrong now?

SPARKER. Oh! oh! Had a beastly smash in my mowtah!

LARRY. Well, it's meself tould ye, ye'd be better off wid a gig and a wee pony, sorr.

SPARKER. The sparking-plug got involved with the differential gearing, and tore the sprockets off the accumulatah! A large cow was rapidly approaching; I saw it must eithaw be the ditch or the cow, so with great presence of mind I charged the cow!

TOSH (*clinging to him*). Yes, it was noble of you, my gallant life presurrver!

LARRY (*aside*). Bedad, I'm thinkin' it was the cow, an' not the calf, that saved yer loife!

SPARKER. It was fearfully exciting—rathaw! But the lady

heah was jolly plucky—made no screaming nor fuss! (To TOSH) I say, you're just the sort of wife for a spawtsman! Bay Jove, ye-as, I should like to take you for a long trip in the matrimonial mowtah. 'Pon my honah—ya-as!

TOSH. Well, I reckon you're just likely to suit me! Shake! (They shake hands)

LARRY. Hear, hear! Sure, an' ould Micky Tosh—ahem—I mane to say yer pa in Amerricky, will be tarrible plazed! Bless ye, me childhren, bless ye!

HON. GOUGH-GREEN *rushes on, L., crosses to R., MISS PANKIE holding his coat-tails.*

GOUGH-GREEN. Let go, woman; let go, I tell you!

LARRY. Fair play, Misther Gough-Green, fair play! Bedad, an' she's caught ye this toime, right enough! An' sure, it's a shame to ye to be runnin' away from a leddy. Be jabers, here's three av us have agreed to put up wid wan aich for loife! An' for why should you not be afther doing the same, now?

GOUGH-GREEN. But I don't want to be married—don't, absolutely! When I do, I'll take a wife who can show me something at golf.

PANKIE. But, dear Mr. Gough-Green, if you would only listen. I've been trying to tell you all morning! I played the ninth hole in two yesterday!

GOUGH-GREEN. Absolutely? Ah! That settles it! (They embrace) We'll play over the course of life together!

LARRY. An' may ye niver be bunkered all your days! Bless ye, me childhren, bless ye! An' now, faix, we're all paired off as nate as noinepince; an' bedad, if we live to the age av Methusalum, we'll niver forget this blessed day——

MRS. BEACH. And what we all owe to "Larry."

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ACT II.—MOSES MADDER'S STUDIO IN NEW YORK. A domestic set-to. Willie comes in, in a hurry. "Bwing on the girl and the minister." Polly paralyzes the dude. "You're a pretty good liar, ain't you?" Hiring a "boomer." Chub and Polly. Gertie gets gushing. Timothy Trenwith, from Texas. Zeph has another conniption. Getting some points from the widow. A jolly row in the house. Willie gets left. Madders schemes grow shaky. "First scalp for Zeph!"

ACT III.—SCENE AS BEFORE. A flattering arrangement. "Look here, I ain't no angel!" Polly's plan. Willie in trouble again. Gertie and the widow have another tiff. Another scheme smashed. Mary Ann Fogarty on the servant question. Gertie catches a man at last. "The circus is going to begin." Willie runs amuck with van av the foineest. Madders masterpiece. The "boomer" takes a trick. "I'm as happy as ef I owned the hull State of Texas!" Gertie on the warpath. "O Chub, that kerfumuxes me!" Willie and the widow. "I've got a little lie and I can't tell a hatchet." The last scheme knocked in the head. "WHAT'S NEXT?"

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SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENTS

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